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b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

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a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 6

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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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